

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.**

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007**, upon the application of **EL PASO E&P COMPANY, L.P.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Sligo Formation, Reservoir A; the Conville Sand, Reservoir B; the Upper Hosston Stray Sand, the Hodge-Hunt Sand; the Johns Sand, Reservoir A; the Bain Sand, Reservoir D; and to the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; Bear Creek Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana.**

**SLIGO FORMATION, RESERVOIR A**

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Sligo Formation, Reservoir A.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as operator of, and its Arthur Sour No. 1 Well as the unit well for, the proposed unit.
4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-X, effective December 1, 1979, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 78-X series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Sligo Formation, Reservoir A is defined in Order No. 78-X, effective December 1, 1979.

**CONVILLE SAND, RESERVOIR B**

1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Conville Sand, Reservoir B.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as operator of each of the proposed additional units.
4. To designate the El Paso-TA Loe Heirs No. 2 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit CON RB SUG, and to authorize Applicant to designate and utilize its Loe B No. 3 Well and its Bailey A No. 2 Well as alternate unit wells for this proposed unit.
5. To designate the El Paso-Author Sour No. 1 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit CON RB SUH, and to authorize Applicant to designate and utilize its Lonette Jones No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well for this proposed unit.
6. To designate the El Paso-Harrison No. 7 Well, located as shown on the plat, submitted with the application, as the substitute unit well for the existing unit designated CON RB SUC.
7. To approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989, for the location of any of the proposed unit, substitute or alternate unit wells, shown on the plat, submitted with the application, which does not comply with the spacing provisions of said Order.

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8. To find that designation and use of substitute and alternate unit wells for these units is necessary to efficiently and economically drain portions of the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, underlying these units which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within these units.
9. To permit the operator of the proposed units CON RB SUG and CON RB SUH to produce the allowables assigned to these units from either the unit well, from any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.
10. To redefine the Conville Sand, Reservoir B, INsofar AND ONLY INsofar as to the proposed units CON RB SUG and CON RB SUH, as being that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 7,217 feet and 7,250 feet (electrical log measurements) in the El Paso-Poole et al No. 4 Well, located in Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 6 West, Beinville Parish, Louisiana.
11. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Conville Sand, Reservoir B, was defined in Order No. 78-L-8, effective December 12, 1989, and was redefined as to certain units in Order No. 78-L-11, effective February 6, 2001, and in Order No. 78-L-18, effective July 17, 2007.

**UPPER HOSSTON STRAY SAND**

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Upper Hosston Stray Sand.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as operator of the proposed additional unit.
4. To designate the El Paso-Loe B No. 3 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-R, effective October 1, 1972.
5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Upper Hosston Stray Sand was defined in Order No. 78-R, effective October 1, 1972.

**HODGE-HUNT SAND**

1. To authorize Applicant to designate and utilize its Lonette Jones No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well for H-H SUJ and its TA Loe Heirs No. 2 Well as the substitute unit well for H-H SUQ, said wells being located as shown on the plat, submitted the application, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78, effective February 9, 1944.
2. To find that designation and use of an alternate unit well for H-H SUJ and a substitute unit well for H-H SUQ is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hodge-Hunt Sand underlying those units which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within the units.
3. To permit the operator of H-H SUJ to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.
4. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hodge-Hunt Sand was defined in Order No. 78, effective February 9, 1944, as the Hosston Formation (Restricted) and was subsequently renamed the Hodge-Hunt Sand.

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**JOHNS SAND, RESERVOIR A**

1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Johns Sand, Reservoir A.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as operator of the proposed additional units.
4. To designate the El Paso-Harrison No. 7 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit JOHNS RA SUB.
5. To designate the El Paso-Bailey A No. 2 Well as the unit well, and the El Paso Pierce et al 35 No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well, for the proposed unit JOHNS RA SUC.
6. To approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Order No. 78-CC, effective November 18, 2003, for the location of any of the unit or alternate unit wells, as shown on the plat submitted with the application, which does not comply with the spacing provisions of said Order.
7. To find that designation and use of an alternate unit well for the proposed unit JOHNS RA SUC is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Johns Sand, Reservoir A, underlying this unit which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
8. To permit the operator of the proposed unit JOHNS RA SUC to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, the alternate unit well, or from a combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.
9. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Johns Sand, Reservoir A, was defined in Order No. 78-CC, effective November 18, 2003.

**BAIN SAND, RESERVOIR D**

1. To create two (2) additional drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Bain Sand, Reservoir D.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed additional units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as operator of the proposed additional units.
4. To designate the El Paso-Arthur Sour No. 1 Well as the unit well, and the El Paso-Lonette Jones No. 2 Well as an alternate unit well, for the proposed unit BAIN RD SUB.
5. To designate the El Paso-Harrison No. 7 Well as the unit well for the proposed unit BAIN RD SUC.
6. To authorize Applicant to designate and utilize its JL Loe et al No. 1 Well, TA Loe A No. 1 Well, Pierce et al 35 No. 1 Well, Bailey A No. 2 Well, TA Loe Heirs No. 2 Well, and Loe B No. 3 Well, located as shown on the plat submitted with the application, as alternate unit wells for the existing unit designated BAIN RD SUA.
7. To approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Order No. 78-BB, effective March 20, 2001, for the location of any of the proposed unit or alternate unit wells, as shown on the plat submitted with the application, which does not comply with the spacing provisions of said Order.

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8. To find that designation and use of alternate unit wells for BAIN RD SUA and BAIN RD SUB is necessary to efficiently and economically drain portions of the Bain Sand, Reservoir D, underlying these units which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within these units.
9. To permit the operator of the proposed unit BAIN RD SUB and the existing unit BAIN RD SUA to produce the allowables assigned to these units from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.
10. To redefine the Bain Sand, Reservoir D, as being that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 7,322' and 7,390' (electrical log measurements) in the El Paso (formerly Sonat Exploration)-Arthur Sour No. 1 Well, located in Section 36, Township 17 North, Range 6 West.
11. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

**LOWER HOSSTON A ZONE, RESERVOIR A**

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each separate tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as operator of and its Lonette Jones No. 2 Well as the unit well for, the proposed additional unit.
4. To permit Applicant to designate and utilize its TA Loe A No. 1 Well and Loe B No. 3 Well, located as shown on the plat submitted with the application, as alternate unit wells for the existing unit designated L HOSS A RA SUF.
5. To approve an exception to the spacing provisions of Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991, for the location of the proposed unit well for L HOSS A RA SUH and for the proposed alternate unit wells for L HOSS A RA SUF, as shown on the plat submitted with the application.
6. To find that designation and use of two (2) alternate unit wells for L HOSS A RA SUF is necessary to efficiently and economically drain portions of the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, underlying L HOSS A RA SUF which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within this unit.
7. To permit the operator of L HOSS A RA SUF to produce the allowable assigned to this unit from either the unit well, from any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the operator.
8. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A is defined in Order No. 78-AA, effective January 8, 1991.

**VARIOUS SANDS**

1. To expand the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 78-57, effective January 9, 2001, to include the Johns Sand, Reservoir A, and the Bain Sand, Reservoir D, underlying JOHNS RA SUB, and BAIN RD SUC, respectively, so as to approve the downhole combination of production from these sands with the intervals approved for downhole combination in Order No. 78-57.

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2. To expand the provisions of Supplement to Office of Conservation Order No. 78-48, effective November 18, 1998, to include the Conville Sand, Reservoir B; the Upper Hosston Stray Sand; the Hodge-Hunt Sand; the Johns Sand, Reservoir A; the Bain Sand, Reservoir D; and the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; underlying CON RB SUG, U HOSS STRAY SUB, H-H SUQ, JOHNS RA SUC, BAIN RD SUA and L HOSS A RA SUF, respectively, so as to approve the downhole combination of production from these sands and zones with the intervals approved for downhole combination in Supplement to Order No. 78-48, effective November 18, 1998.
3. To expand the provisions of Supplement to Office of Conservation Order No. 78-48, effective August 2, 1999, to include the Sligo Formation, Reservoir A; the Conville Sand, Reservoir B; the Hodge-Hunt Sand; the Bain Sand, Reservoir D; and the Lower Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; underlying SLIRA SUI, CON RB SUH, H-H SUJ, BAIN RD SUB and L HOSS A RA SUH, respectively, so as to approve the downhole combination of production from these sands, zone and formation with the intervals approved for downhole combination in Supplement to Order No. 78-48, effective August 2, 1999.

Plats are available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Shreveport**, Louisiana.

[www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm](http://www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm).

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

**BY ORDER OF:**

**JAMES H. WELSH**  
**COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION**

Baton Rouge, LA

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